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Dear Applicant:

This letter is to make you aware of procedural changes being made to the grant process under the Federal Natural Resource Policy Account (FNRPA). The Governor's Office will be creating a more formal process to evaluate and process grants received in the future.

As you may know, grants previously received were considered on a case-by-case basis. This allowed for full consideration of the merits of applications, but did not allow us the flexibility to budget funds over the extended period of the biennium. It is hoped that by establishing some basic criteria for applications, and more order to the process, consideration of all requests can be more deliberate and thorough.

There is a "follow-up" process by which the Governor's Office can monitor the grants after they are made to evaluate their implementation and effectiveness.

The new due dates for applications will be three times a year – January 1, May 1 and September 1.

An emergency provision will also be available for those who require immediate assistance from the FNRPA.

It is hoped that this will bring a degree of certainty to this grant process, with a goal toward making it work better for the beneficiaries. Please do not hesitate to contact this office with any questions you may have, either about the process, or about the application process – we will do what we can to assist you during this transitional period.

Sincerely,

Mary Flanderka
State Planning Coordinator